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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REQUESTS FOR SPACE COOPERATION

1. DURING SCICOUNS COURTESY CALL ON STA SPACE OFFICIALS (HIROSHI CHIBA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, AND MASATO YAMANO, COUNSELOR FOR SPACE AFFAIRS), STA INQUIRED AS TO CURRENT STATUS OF JAPANESE REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR UPGRADING OF "N" ROCKET AND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCAST SATELLITES. NOTING THAT JAPANESE SPACE PROGRAM PLAN CALLS FOR ANNUAL EXPENDITURES OF ABOUT \$40,000,000 IN US FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE IN EACH OF ENSUING THREE YEARS, CHIBA SOLICITED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING RESPONSES TO THESE REQUESTS, WHICH ARE VITAL TO FULFILLMENT OF JAPANESE SPACE PROGRAM SCHEDULE. IN SIMILAR COURTESY CALL ON HIDEO SHIMA, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NASDA), SHIMA REITERATED REQUESTS ON ABOVE ITEMS AND REFERRED ALSO TO JAPANESE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL TRACKING STATION IN MARSHALL ISLANDS. SHIMA NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN HOPING TO VISIT WASHINGTON THIS FALL FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER. SHIMA ALSO NOTED THAT 1976 LAUNCHINGS OF METEOROLOGICAL, EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND EXPERIMENTAL BROADCAST SATELLITES WOULD ALL REQUIRE US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAUNCH SERVICES, AND STATED THAT DEFINITE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE

TO CONDUCT LAUNCHES IN US DESPITE CONTINUING VIEW ON PART
SOME SPACE OFFICIALS THAT LAUNCHES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN
JAPAN WITH US VEHICLES.

2. DURING SCICOUNS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, HE UNDER-
STOOD THAT DECISION REACHED ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR UPGRADING
"N" ROCKET AND THAT ADVICE OF THIS DECISION, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO
JAPANESE, WOULD REACH EMBASSY SOON. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING EARLY ADVICE ON STATUS OF THESE JAPANESE REQUESTS FOR
SPACE COOPERATION.
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